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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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1. STATE DEPT PRESS OFFICER WHITE MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT 12 DEC: "I HAVE HAD NUMBER OF CALLS . . . ON SOVIET NOTE CHARGING GERMAN GENERAL ADOLF HEUSSINGER, CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN OF THE NATO MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE, OF 'CRIMES AGAINST PEACE, WAR CRIMES AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY,' AND SO ON. FIRST OFF, LET ME SAY THAT WE HAVE AS YET NO WORD FROM MOSCOW CONFIRMING NOTE WAS DELIVERED OUR EMBASSY THERE. HOWEVER, IT HAS APPEARED ON THE TICKER AND HAS APPEARED ON FRIS, SO LET ME SAY THIS ABOUT IT. THIS CRUDE AND LUDICROUS PROPAGANDA EXERCISE IS UNWORTHY OF NOTICE, AND I HAVE NO INTENTION OF DIGNIFYING IT WITH ANY COMMENT. I WOULD MERELY CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO FACT IT HAS BECOME SOVIET PRACTICE TO ENGAGE IN SUCH PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES ON EVE OF NATO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS FOR PURPOSE OF ATTEMPTING TO CREATE DISUNITY WITHIN THE ALLIANCE AND TO DISCREDIT THE ALLIANCE."

2. FYI: WHITE IN MORE LENGTHY OFF RECORD BACKGROUND STATEMENT RECALLED

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GROUNDWORK FOR WW II AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY MIGHT WELL LOOK INTO OWN ARCHIVES
IF IT REALLY INTERESTED IN UNCOVERING BONA FIDE WAR CRIMINALS AND ASSOCIATES
OF NAZIS; NOTED HEUSINGER ALONG WITH ALL OTHER KEY FEDREP OFFICERS CLEARED BY
SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE CONNECTION HIS ORIGINAL BUNDESWEHR APPOINTMENT
AND THAT HIS APPOINTMENT TO PRESENT POSITION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ALL FOURTEEN
GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED ON NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE, SOME OF WHICH GOVERNMENTS
SUFFERED JUST AS GRIEVOUSLY AS SOVIETS FROM HANDS OF NAZI REGIME; INVESTIGATIONS
OF HEUSINGER BY ALLIES AFTER END OF WAR DO NOT BEAR OUT ANY OF THE SOVIET CHARGES
AGAINST HEUSINGER AND IN FACT AFTER THESE INVESTIGATIONS CLEARED HEUSINGER HE
SERVED AS CONSULTANT TO U.S. PROSECUTION STAFF AT NUREMBERG TRIALS; HEUSINGER
AWARD 20 JULY PICT AGAINST HITLER AND SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED AND INTERROGATED AT
LENGTH BY GESTAPO WITH RESULTANT DISMISSAL FROM ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE.

3. REQUEST ENCOURAGE STATEMENTS YOUR AREA DEMOUNCING SOVIET NOTE AND IN
SUPPORT HEUSINGER.

END OF MESSAGE

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